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The U.S. Supreme Court today let stand the conviction of a lawyer who conspired with former CIA agent Edwin Wilson to illegally ship explosives to Libya from Houston in 1977.

The court denied the petition by Edward Bloom, a 76-year-old lawyer who received a two-year suspended prison sentence and was placed on five years probation for his role in the sale.

Bloom said he was denied a fair trial and said he thought the delivery of the explosives was done under U.S. government authority.

The Supreme Court last month turned down Wilson's appeal over his conviction for shipping 40 tons of plastic explosives by cargo jet for use by Libyan terrorists.

Wilson, a former spy who became an international arms dealer, has been convicted of smuggling weapons and explosives under multi-million dollar contracts with Libyan leader Muamar Gaddafi.